CHINA MOBBED

Wesleyan Establishment at Changsha Destroyed-Missionaries Safe-British Gunboats Hurry to the Scene

Shanghal, April 14.—The Wesleyan mous college of Yo-Lo. The popula-China inland mission at Changsha, the tion of Changsha is estimated at 300,-

CHARGES TAFT WITH ATTEMPT TO DICTATE TO CONGRESS. House Member Speaking on Substitute Raitroad Bill.

Raitroad Bill.

Washington, April 14.—Representative Adamson of Georgia, ranking minority member of the house committee of interstate commerce, speaking in the house today to the substitute railroad bill presented Tuesday by Mr. Mann of Elinois, chairman of the committee, declared that the purpose of the majority of the committee in introducing the report with quotations from the president's message advocating the commerce court, was in order to command the solid co-operation of all the "regulars, insurgents and nearinsurgents" of the republican party. He charged the president with attempting to detate so congress an act which he regarded as a serious assuit "upon the dignity, freedom and independence of congress" and "the most violent and insulting set of usurpation ever industed in by an executive."

The argument for the commerce court the speaker said, had no foundation in any party authority and was not touched upon in the republican platform. Mr. Townsend of Michigan, he declared, was the author of that, and entitled to whatever credit or ciscredit attaches to it."

NO REASON KNOWN FOR MR. DICKINSON'S SUICIDE. He Was Traveling in Interests of the Federal Hardware Co.

New York, Apil 14.—Officers of the Federal Hardware company, of which Henry A. Dickinson, who committed sucide in Bridgeport yesterday, was president, were unable to give any motive today for his act. It was said he was a widower, who made his home in a New York hotel and had been traveling in the interests of the company. Portland, Conn., April 14.—Miss Olinda Dickinson, sister of Henry A. Dickinson of New York who committed suicide in a Bridgepora hotel, first heard of the death of her brother when told by a representative of the Asociated Press tonight. Miss Dickinson, who makes her home with Miss Nellie Hale, said that her brother came to Portland on Wednesday, the 6th, and stayed until Sunday night, when he left for Bridgeport, saying that he had business in that place. He seemed to be in good health, seh said, and did not complain of not feeling well. Miss Dickinson is about 55 years old, and said she knew of no reason why her brother should have taken his life.

W. C. Russell Says Fresno Claimant Is The Ranger lay outside the bar all might, awaiting daylight before attempting to return to the harbor.

Boston, April 14.—A public acknowledgment of the ciaim of the Fresno, California, fruit picker, that he is Daniel Blake Russell, and entitled to half of the three-quarters of a million dollars estate of the late Daniel Russell of Melrose, was made today by William C. Russell, another son. The statement, which was issued by the attorneys for William C. Russell, was as follows:

"I desire to state publicly at this time that I am convinced and satisfied that Daniel Blake Russell, who has recently come to Buston from Freeno, Cal., is the son of my father, Daniel Russell, late of Melrose, and is my own brother.

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"WILLIAM C. RUSSELL."
The second claimant to half of the Russell estate reached Boston about three weeks before the case of the Dickinson, N. D., ranchman was thrown out of court by Judge Lawson, The new claimant's petition to be heard on his claim was filed in the Middlesex probate court during the last days of the famous trial, which closed on Tuesday. Up to that time William C. Russell had refused to recognize him. The acknowledgment to-day, however, was not unexpected.

Restoring a Lost Empire.

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The possible realization of the project for reopening the old empire of Nebnehadnezzar to civilization, a project which only resterday was a dream, is foreshadowed by the efforts of the Turkish government to reclaim 12,500,000 acres of waste land in northern Mesopotamia through irrigation. Given the success of the experiment, the ancient realm of Assyrian and Babylonian monarchs may be refertilized and repeopled with an industrious race and the world's old gransry restored after centuries of desolation. Mesopotamia's early greatness was due to a system of irrigation canals in connection with the Tigris and Euphrates. It was by their neglect that it declined and was transformed into a sandy plain, the haunt of nomad races. Within recent times the engineer and archeologist have invaded in the former plotting the route of the Bagdad railway which is to unite it with the western world and the latter delving in the dusty heap which have disclosed in turn the site of Nebuchadnezzar's palace, the hall in which Belshazzar gave his feast and the very site of Babel. To reclaim it to cultivation will cost \$100,000,000, and incidental to the scheme is the plan for the colonizing the persecuted Russian Jewa in the redeemed territory.—New Yerk World.

A Useful Lesson.

One of the most inspiring object lescons of the day in the matter of personal vigor and concentration of purpose is afforded by the spectacle of the
noted pedestrian, Edward Payson Weston, in his effort to walk from ocean
to ocean in 100 days. It will be renumbered that on the westward trip
he undertook the same task, but owing
to the lateness of the season and the
consequent fall of snow and generally
unfavorable weather conditions he
falled in his object by about six days.
Notwithstanding his failure to complets the distance in the allotted time,
his performance was a grand exhibition s performance was a grand exhibition strength and nerve on the part of a sged athlete, who yesterday com-ted the 12d year of his age. He is win Kansas on the return trip and over seven days ahead of his sched-

China inland mission at Changsha, the opital of the province of Hunan, was destroyed by rioters today. The missionaries took refuge in the yamen, which the rioters subsequently attacked. There was no loss of life.

Two British gunboats are hurrying up the Siang-Riang for the purpose of quelling the disturbance. The outbreak is attributed to the indignation of the natives at the action of the Chinese officers in cornering and experting rice.

Changsha, the capital of the province of Hunan, is situated on the Bilang-Riang, fifty miles south of the point where it empties into Lake Tong Tin-Hu. It is the seat of the fall industry, and is the home of the fall for the China inland mission.

"MARK TWAIN" RETURNS TO HIS STORMFIELD HOME. Mr. Clemens Seriously III, But in No

Immediate Danger.

Redding, Conn., April 14.—When the Pittsfield express, on which Mr. Clemens came from New York, reached here he was carried from the car by his secretary, Albert Bigelow Paine, and his butler, and placed in a carriage and driven to his home, Stormfield, which is about half a mile from the railroad station. A physician and nurse were also in the uarty. He appeared to be very weak and haggard, but sat up during the half mile drive, as he seemed to be more comfortable in that position. His attendants sald that he stood the ride from New York very well and that the drive inthe air seemed to relieve to some extent the difficulty he had in breathing during the trip up from Bermuda. The attending physician said that while there was no immediate danger, Mr. Clemens was seriously ill. The return to Redding today was the first time that he has been at Stormfield since the death of his daughter, Miss Jean Clemens, he having gone to Bermuda directly after her funeral. Redding, Conn., April 14.-When the

WIRELESS SAVES 95 LIVES. Passengers and Crew Taken from the Santa Clara,

Eureka, Cal., April 14.—Ninety-five persons resuced from the North Pacific Steamship company's steamship Santa Clara, which foundered last night, arrived here today on the tug Ranger. Everybody on the sinking ship was rescued. The Santa Clara sank about four miles down the coast. The Santa Clara, which was bound from Portland for San Francisco, had almost cleared the bar yesterday afternoon, when her keel plunged in the sand and she sprang a bad leak. Her serious condition was not fully realized until a point four miles south of Table Rock was reached, when the steamship was put about and an effort made to return to Eureka, Water poured so rapidly into the hold, however, that the fires were swamped.

Wireless calls for help brought the Ranger. The steamship was settling fast when the tug came up and got a line to her, and the transfer by small boats of the sixte-one passengers was immediately begun. A high sea was running, and the work of rescue was both slow and perlious; but soon after nine o'clock last night the last of the passengers and crew were safely aboard the tug, and the Santa Clara. passengers and crew were safely aboard the tug, and the Santa Clara, then low in the water, was left to her

A remarkable fact about the recent Brazilian presidential election, from our point of view, is the slight total of the vote cast. There are twenty states and a federal district in Brazil, with and a federal district in Brazii, with an aggregate population of twenty millions, and yet the number of electors who went to the poils on the quadrennial voting days, the first of March, and cast their ballots was 615,305. Brazii has manhood suffrage, barring only beggars, illiterates, soldiers actually serving and members of monastic orders, etc., under vows of obedience; and yet less than one in every thirty of the population voted—or had his vote counted.

The difference between conditions in the great South American republic and our own is strikingly shown when it is remembered that at the last presidential election in this country the aggregate number of votens for presidential electors was 14,858,442, while our population at the time was gloon 86.

population at the time was about 86,900,000 or \$7,000,000. In other words,
the voters on election day, 1998, in the
United States constituted one-sixth of
the whole number of inhabitants. The
reason for the discrepancy between
Brazil and the United States is not far
to seek. According to reports made a Brazil and the United States is not far to seek. According to reports made a few years ago, the Illiterate Brazilians number 80 per cent. of the entire pop-ulation and as education is not com-pulsory the chances favor the indefinite continuance of this distressing condi-tion. There are federal institutions for secondary and higher instruction in the towns near the coast, but the in-terior of the country is largely without school facilities.—Providence Journal.

Still the Duel.

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The European duel dies hard. And the American understanding of the duel has never been born. The chief patrons of the code would appear to be just now Italian tenors and German officers. Both of these run to costume, and it sometimes seems as if the dueling spirit might be largely a matter of clothes. But the persistence of the duel may be explained on more serious grounds. This can be done without laying too great stress on the belated medievalism of European society or even on the code of

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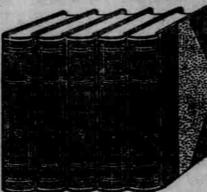
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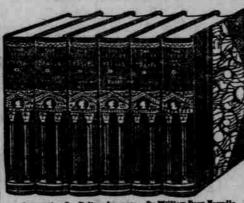
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